













GEORGE M. THOMAS does not intend to make his appearance in the Blue Grass during the canvass, and published his speech in order that our readers may see exactly what he has to say for himself. The only part of his speech relevant to the issues now before the people in his exhortation to the old Union Democrats of 1861 to look over the Radical outrages because they have been committed and are things of the past. We do not know how we could better reply to the argument than by copying the following response of Mr. Beck to a similar argument by his Radical opponent in the Lexington District. Mr. Beck said:

When I expose the outrages committed by his party leaders—for I do not hold the masses who have merely followed blindly or responsibly—Mr. Brown tries to dispose of the matter very cavalierly by saying all these things are done, and admits that they are all wrong—all as bad as you say they are—you can't help yourselves and what is the use of talking about it? He fails to comprehend, or hopes the people will overlook, the fact that the same party leaders whose conduct he indorses, and whose past legislation he will vote to appropriate money and pass laws to carry out and enforce, no matter how outrageous he may have regarded them, are now before the people giving an account of their stewardship, and asking a new lease of power, so as still.

FURTHER TO PERFECT AND CONSOLIDATE the system they have inaugurated, and carried to its present point. Surely it is legitimate. It is certainly the course any of you would pursue if an agent to whom you had intrusted the management of your estate, under a written power of attorney and contract, should ask to be still further continued in his place; you would determine whether to trust him in the future by his management in the past, and if, on a careful examination, you found that he had not only violated all his covenants and disregarded all your orders, but had managed your affairs so as to impoverish himself at your expense, you would drive him from your presence with the aid of the law of your boot, if he was to tell you there was no use in bringing up his past misdeeds that your timber had been cut, and the money spent your stock driven off, and its proceeds gone, and the gambler and the whiskey shop got them, and you were only saving time by talking about bygones I know no other way of determining the fitness of a man or a party for place, than to show what he has done and is doing in the matter about which he proposes to continue.

IF MY AGENT CHEATS ME ONCE it is his fault; if he does it a second time after I find him out, it is mine, as I have no business keeping him. The plea that we cannot undo the wrong done, and, therefore, ought not to expose them, is simply silly. When we consider that the perpetrators of these crimes are asking again to be employed, and do not only do not promise an amendment in future, but base their claims to future confidence on the very conduct which has driven them out, and that they are asking to be employed in spite of me, and spend the money and laugh at me; but when he asks me to put my money in his hands afterwards to take care of, and manage for me, I have a right to give him a conduct as a reason for refusing to do so, and I will hardly be stopped by his telling me that it is no use, as the money is all gone, and talking his former thefts as follies.

As you perceive by Mr. Brown's speech, the present Radical party arrogate to themselves that they are.

THE ORIGINAL LOYAL UNION PARTY an assumption as unfounded as were the claims of Hinton, Marat, and Robespierre in the last and worst days of the French revolution, after they had driven the king to the guillotine and the guillotine all the law and order-loving Republicans who had aided in detroning Louis XVI. As now organized, the Radicals are but the followers of Stevens and Sumner, Butler and Schenck, with no principle, but their will, no law but their orders and teachings; while Grant is watching the growing popular disgust and discontent, making their infamous laws doubly odious by rigidly enforcing them, ready to take advantage of anything that will concentrate power and authority in himself, and secure his re-election. I don't know that he hopes to play the role of Cromwell or Napoleon; but he keeps his forces well in hand, and his lieutenants, Sherman and Porter, are ever ready to execute his orders.

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